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SUBJ: MOBUTU CANCELS VISIT TO ROK

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- 1. SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR MOKOLO TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHEN GOZ INFORMED BY ROK AMBASSADOR PROPOSED DATES OF DEC 23-27 FOR VISIT TO SEOUL INCONVENIENT, HE WAS DISMISSED WITH A CURT "THANK YOU."
- 2. MOKOLO SAYS THAT PRIVATELY MOBUTU IS ANGRY, BELIEVES THAT ROK WERE NOT SERIOUS IN THEIR OPEN INVITATION AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HAVE HIM VISIT SEOUL, AND "WILL NEVER GO TO ROK." EMBOFF POINTED OUT ROK HAS ITS PROBLEMS TOO AND THAT LEAD TIME WAS EXTREMELY SHORT.

COMMENT: MOBUTU'S PROPENSITY TO INFORM PROSPECTIVE HOSTS OF HIS IMPENDING VISITS AT THE LAST MINUTE, COUPLED WITH ROK'S CONFIDENTIAL

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INABILITY TO RECEIVE HIM DEC 23-27 HAS CREATED MOST UNFORTUNATE

SITUATION. WE REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE THAT AS A RESULT OF ABORTED TRIP (WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN BUILT UP IN THE PRESS HERE) WE CANNOT COUNT ON ZAIRE'S HELP IN UNGA ON KOREA AND WE MUST ANTICIPATE THAT MOBUTU WILL ACCEPT SUBSTANTIAL DPRK OFFER OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME. HINTON

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